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Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 37/248 of 21 December 1982, and all other relevant General Assembly resolutions on the promotion of cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community,

Commending States members of the Community for demonstrating continued commitment to deeper and more formal arrangements for cooperation among themselves towards regional integration,

Welcoming the signing of Community protocols on wildlife conservation and law enforcement, and on health, and the establishment of the Association of Southern African Development Community National Chambers of Commerce, as well as a declaration on productivity as further steps towards enhancing regional cooperation,

Recognizing the strengthening of democratic governance and other positive developments, including the consolidation of the peace, the enhancement of democracy and the respect for the rule of law in the region, through the creation of institutions to further regional integration, such as the Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum, Electoral Forum and Lawyers Association,

Reaffirming that the successful implementation of the development programmes of the Community can be achieved only if the Community has adequate resources at its disposal,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Southern African Development Community.

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Noting that the effects of war, loss of life and destruction of economic and social infrastructures in southern Africa demand the continuation and strengthening of rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes to regenerate the economies of the countries of the region,

Welcoming the Community's efforts to make southern Africa a landmine-free zone,

Noting with grave concern that adverse weather conditions have created a regional cereal deficit in 1999-2000, with a risk of increased poverty, in particular in rural areas,

Recognizing the valuable and effective economic and financial contribution that some organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system have made to complementing national and subregional efforts to advance the process of democratization, rehabilitation and development in southern Africa,

Expressing its grave concern at the serious deterioration of the humanitarian situation in Angola caused by the resumption of war by the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, which is also hampering efforts towards economic rehabilitation and national reconstruction as well as regional development projects,

Reiterating that the present situation in Angola was caused by the failure of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, under the leadership of Jonas Savimbi, to comply with its obligations under the Lusaka Protocol,[1] and the relevant Security Council resolutions,

Expressing satisfaction over the initiatives to bring peace to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, launched by the Community under the leadership of F. J. T. Chiluba, President of Zambia, in collaboration with the Organization of African Unity, the United Nations and other entities,

Welcoming with satisfaction the signing of the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement[2] by all parties involved in the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as a step forward towards a durable peace in that country,

Noting with concern the region's high prevalence rates of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) which have far-reaching social and economic consequences,

Reaffirming the recognition of the important role that women play in the development of the region,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[3]

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the international community for the financial, technical and material support given to the Southern African Development Community;

3. *Appeals* to the international community and to relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to continue providing financial, technical and material assistance to the Community in order to enable it to further advance the process of regional economic integration;

4. *Calls upon* the States Members of the United Nations and organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system that have not yet established contact and relationships with the Community to explore the possibility of doing so;

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[1] S/1994/1441, annex.

[2] S/1999/815, annex.

[3] A/54/273.

5. *Appeals* to the United Nations, its related bodies and the international community to assist and support the Community in its efforts against landmines;

6. *Appeals* to the United Nations, its related organs and the international community to assist the Community, with the appropriate resources, in implementing the programmes and decisions adopted by various United Nations world conferences, with specific emphasis on the enhancement of the role of women in the development process;

7. *Appeals* to the international community to support the measures being taken by the Community in addressing human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS);

8. *Appeals* to the international community as well as to the United Nations system to continue to extend much-needed assistance to those countries of the Community that are engaged in the process of national reconstruction so as to enable them to consolidate democracy and enhance the implementation of their national development programmes;

9. *Appeals* to the international community to comply with all relevant Security Council resolutions on Angola pertaining to sanctions imposed on the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, which, together with other efforts, would help to bring peace and facilitate the process of rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Angolan economy;

10. *Urges* the international community to take appropriate action, especially the providing of humanitarian assistance, in order to prevent the suffering of the Angolan people, in particular children, women and the elderly;

11. *Calls upon* the international community, in particular the United Nations, to meet its responsibility for maintaining peace, stability and the future rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

12. *Urges* the international community to continue to assist those countries receiving refugees in coping with the resulting economic, social, humanitarian and environmental challenges;

13. *Appeals* to the United Nations and the international community to assist in the strengthening of the region's capacity for sustainable water resource management and to respond generously with respect to the drought situation in southern Africa, by supporting the region in its drought preparedness and management strategies;

14. *Calls upon* the international community to consider supporting the creation of special economic zones and development corridors in the Community, with active participation of the private sector;

15. *Requests* the international community to support the Community's efforts to address the risks, new challenges and opportunities imposed by the process of globalization and liberalization on the economies of the region;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Southern African Development Community, to continue to intensify contacts aimed at promoting and harmonizing cooperation between the United Nations and the Community;

17. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.